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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yasuo KOBAYASHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Application No.: 09/667,768 ) Examiner: Karla A. MOORE  
Filed: September 22, 2000 )  
For: PROCESSING APPARATUS AND )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

A 1 This application is a continuation of International Application No.  
PCT/JP00/05410, filed August 11, 2000.

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